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H. R. 4844

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require any individual who desires to register or re-register to vote in an election for Federal office to provide the appropriate State election official with proof that the individual is a citizen of the United States to prevent fraud in Federal elections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Election Integ-
5 rity Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO ACCOM-**
2 **PANY APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) APPLICATION PROVIDED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE
5 LICENSE APPLICATION.—Section 5(c)(2) of the National
6 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–
7 3(c)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “may re-
9 quire” and inserting “in addition to the information
10 required under subparagraph (E), may require”;

11 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
12 graph (D);

13 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
14 paragraph (F); and

15 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(E) shall require the applicant to provide a
18 photographic copy of any document which provides
19 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United
20 States, in accordance with guidelines established by
21 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-
22 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
23 the Secretary of State.”.

24 (b) MAIL-IN FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (42
25 U.S.C. 1973gg–7(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “may require”
2 and inserting “consistent with paragraph (5), may
3 require”;

4 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
5 (3);

6 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-
7 graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(5) shall require the applicant to provide a
11 photographic copy of any document which provides
12 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United
13 States, in accordance with guidelines established by
14 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
16 the Secretary of State.”.

17 (c) SPECIAL RULES FOR STATES WITHOUT REG-
18 ISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND STATES PERMITTING
19 SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8 of such Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1973gg–6) is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
23 section (k); and

24 (B) by inserting after subsection (i) the
25 following new subsection:

1 “(j) REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IN
2 STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND
3 STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

4 “(1) STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION RE-
5 QUIREMENT.—In the case of a State described in
6 section 4(b)(1), the appropriate State or local elec-
7 tion official may not provide any individual with a
8 ballot for an election for Federal office (including an
9 absentee ballot) unless the individual provides the of-
10 ficial with a photographic copy of any document
11 which provides proof that the individual is a citizen
12 of the United States, in accordance with guidelines
13 established by the Election Administration Commis-
14 sion in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland
15 Security and the Secretary of State.

16 “(2) STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRA-
17 TION.—In the case of a State described in section
18 4(b)(2), the appropriate State or local election offi-
19 cial may not permit any individual to register to vote
20 in an election for Federal office (including an indi-
21 vidual who desires to register to vote at the polling
22 place at the time of voting in the election) unless the
23 individual provides the official with a photographic
24 copy of any document which provides proof that the
25 individual is a citizen of the United States, in ac-

1 cordance with guidelines established by the Election
2 Administration Commission in consultation with the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary
4 of State.”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(b)
6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–2(b)) is amended by
7 striking “This Act” and inserting “Except as pro-
8 vided in section 8(j), this Act”.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING VOTERS TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTI-**
10 **FICATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Help Amer-
12 ica Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15483(b) is amended—

13 (1) in the heading, by striking “FOR VOTERS
14 WHO REGISTER BY MAIL” and inserting “FOR PRO-
15 VIDING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION”; and

16 (2) by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and
17 inserting the following:

18 “(1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—Not-
19 withstanding any other provision of law, the appro-
20 priate State or local election official may not provide
21 a ballot for an election for Federal office (including
22 a provisional ballot under section 302(a)) to an indi-
23 vidual who desires to vote in person unless the indi-
24 vidual presents to the official a current and valid
25 photo identification.

1 “(2) INDIVIDUALS VOTING BY MAIL.—Notwith-
 2 standing any other provision of law, the appropriate
 3 State or local election official may not accept any
 4 ballot for an election for Federal office provided by
 5 an individual who votes by mail unless the individual
 6 submits with the ballot a copy of a current and valid
 7 photo identification.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 303 of
 9 such Act (42 U.S.C. 15483) is amended—

10 (1) in the heading, by striking “**FOR VOTERS**
 11 **WHO REGISTER BY MAIL**” and inserting “**FOR**
 12 **PROVIDING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**”; and

13 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “subsections
 14 (a)(5)(A)(i)(II) and (b)(3)(B)(i)(II)” and inserting
 15 “subsection (a)(5)(A)(i)(II)”.

16 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 17 of such Act is amended by amending the item relating to
 18 section 303 to read as follows:

“Sec. 303. Computerized statewide voter registration list requirements and re-
 quirements for providing photo identification”.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d) of such Act
 20 (42 U.S.C. 15483(d)) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(d) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTI-
 22 FICATION.—Subsection (b) shall apply with respect to the
 23 regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held

1 in November 2006 and each succeeding election for Fed-
2 eral office.”.

3 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
5 apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general elec-
6 tion for Federal office held in November 2006 and each
7 succeeding election for Federal office.

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